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# The Police and the People.



Gen. Bingham has made a good start. He has abolished the vice squad, with sympathetic remarks for the poor victims whose presence in the city was supposed to make it necessary. He has set the "shoo-fly cops" to work, with a frank appeal to the higher police officials to meet him in mutual confidence that makes spying as needless as it is hateful.

No department of a great city so closely affects the people's daily life

as that of the police. They can make crime, shield crime, profit by crime or prevent and detect crime. They can hamper the citizen in his rights and sell permission to break the laws to corrupt men. They can become agents of oppression.

The men in Gen. Bingham's department are a fine body. They are anxious to show what they can do.

The man who solves the police problem in New York will make for himself a name greater than Waring's. Is Bingham the man? He does not lack energy or resolution. That he is new to New York is nothing. Waring came from Rhode Island. New Yorkers do not "know it all."

The German cities, which are among the best governed in the world, draw their higher officers from other cities as freely as American colleges draw professors, and with as little regard to politics.

Bingham is welcome, carpet-bag and all.

The chauffeur who broke his neck to avoid killing a bicyclist did a heroic thing. But if he had been running at legal speed neither he nor the wheelman would have been in danger.

### A New Idea in Traction.

The adoption by Western steam railroads of gasoline motor cars for short-haul passenger traffic points to interesting possibilities in traction development.

These cars were first brought to a state of operative efficiency by the Union Pacific. On recent trials on the Chicago and Alton they maintained a speed of thirty-five miles an hour at a minimum of expense. They have been used experimentally on Oregon lines, and it is now announced that the Illinois Central will equip its Chicago and New Orleans suburban trains with this motive power. They do away with costly power-houses, third ralls and trolley wires. They enable all steam railroads to meet local trolley competition easily and at small expense.

Are they destined to replace the trolley car? If, as seems likely, they make rural and interurban communication only a matter of right of way and rails, they should greatly facilitate transit and incidentally herald the day of reduced fares.

### Millions for Luxuries.

New York bought goods to the value of \$823,000,000 in foreign railroad trains, &c., by clockwork?" I for the dear little State! markets last year. It is as a purchaser of luxuries that Father Knicker-ing-up part is where the trouble comes bocker, who last year outdid himself in extravagance, attracts attention.

He paid forty millions for diamond brooches, pearl dog-collars and trains LIKE clockwork would secure its Grown-up New Yorkers treat us well originator a cosey corner in the hall of the few we've met). but my children's Our Consular Cinches. automobiles. He spent seventy-three millions on champagne and other game. things to drink. His bill for fine embroideries was \$12,000,000. His imported cigars cost \$3,000,000, and for silks and tapestries, paintings To the Editor of The Evening World: and fine china many millions more.

Is there any museum in the world like the shops of New York? Is feeted? I am a Jerseyman and am "up" in all the history, &c., of the State and there any other so liberal a customer as the New Yorker and the visitor in | want to go on record as saying that New York?

brass. Norman peasants are making cheeses for him and Persians are shows patriotism, courage, brilliancy weaving carpets. Dealers are ransacking Italian palaces and plundering and generosity. As to its mosquitoes churches to adorn his home. And he is paying the bill with a cheerful-or Staten Island or Connecticut. It is ness engendered of good times. Does he ever stop to think that the flood no more malarial than New York State. tide of prosperity frequently precedes the ebb of business depression? Its people are wide awake and progressive. As for diversified scenery, Jer-

# Reversed!

By J. Campbell Corv.



# etters from the People

Editor of The Evening World: B. W. R. asks: "Is it possible to run in. Might add, that an invention com-pelling certain companies to run their

W. A. G.

Whence the wholesale guying to which New Jersey and Jerseymen are sub I (as well as every other true Jerse: For him Hindoo craftsmen are fashioning ivory and hammering man) am proud of my stanch little state. It's history, both colonial and

P. K. BOTOLPH. Snobbish Schoolchildren.

the Editor of The Evening World:

I recently moved here from Boston. (the few we've met), but my children's schoolmates are little snobs. They os- To the Editor of The Evening World tracize my children because we live in

ers? NEWCOMER.

To the Editor of The Evening World: When did Bob Fitzsimmons and Peter Our Consular Cinches.

A. B. H. in a letter to The Evening

Thumbnail Sketches.

CUBJECT-Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. Favorite Sport-Sitting on the football lid. Favorite Task-Discouraging red corpus Favorite Book—"Rollo and His Tutor" (Expurgated). Favorite Authur—Hannah More. Favorite Artist-The crokinole champion. Favorite Fruit-Tender greenings. Favorite Plant-The quaking aspen Favorite Vehicle-The slow coach. Favorite Musical Instrument-The fine-tooth comb.

Favorite Character in History-Dr. Watts.

WONDERFULLY SPIRITED AND INTERESTING. A LIVING ROMANCE OF WILD NATIVES AND WIDE DISTANCES

sional report on native crops or industries. The officials who edit and publish the consular reports love statistics and

For More Subways.

the functions of diplomacy and re- of inventing a black tulip, says Pearson's Weekly. ents any usurpation of his prerogatives. nited States and in writing an occa-

To the Editor of The Evening World.

I honor The Evening World's splendid

# NEW YORK THRO' FUNNY GLASSES

By I. S. Cobb.

ONSIDER now the cases of these two men: One of them had a chest like a baby grand and pins like twin shot-towers. He suggested a Percheron draught horse with the forelegs removed. He was a fine upstanding figure of a man, but being too heavy for a truck driver and too glow for a scene-shifter he naturally got a place on the force. He was policeman by birth, anyway, being of County Mayo nativity.

A stranger would have said that here was an excellent person to send down to Cherry Hill to pull the wish-bones of the strong-arm boys, because if he ever fell on a man and hit him centre he would mosaic him into the sidewalk. One could imagine reading something like this in the

"Officer Sampson O'Slaughter, who was detailed to break up the Fall Killing gang, reports progress. The Coroner's men are picking up pieces all over the east side. A knee joint and three teeth were found to-day in Great Jones street."

But no, they didn't send him down to walk a beat amid the natives somewhere on the lee side of that greatest common divisor, the Bowery. Being 6 feet 4 in his sock feet he was detailed to the Broadway squad. where his duties consisted in giving keb-drivers hard looks and shooing elderly persons off the car tracks. There were dangers attached to the post-



tion, of course—any time he was liable to be run down by a sightseeing coach while dozing off or kissed by a member of the Lieut. Hobson Young Ladies' Club after he had safely escorted her over the crossing.

The other man was of just the right build and disposition for conducting the notions and white goods counter in a gentlemanly and efficient manner. But he wasn't tall enough to ever hope to confer the proper dignity on a floorwalker's job, and maybe that was the reason why he went on the force, too. They had to cut his uniform down to youth's size. When they put the white gloves and the long coat on him he looked like a boy pallbearer climbing out of a blue chimney. Again the ignorant might have supposed that he would be the proper candy kid for the Broadway squad, because he had small hands and a low, sweet, shopping-district voice, and always kept his shoes shined and his nails polished; but Headquarters promptly assigned him to do evening work in the Gap. It at once became customary for the guests coming from the mixed-ale functions to look him up and beat him into a wine jelly. He got to be a confirmed habit with many. They took him before dinner as a relish and after dinner as a cordial. He spent one-half of his time dodging and the other half in the casualty ward.

THE FUNNY PART:

Our Police Department is supposed to be directed with human intelli-

## Purple Poison Plants.

HE colors of flowers and leaves offer numbers of interesting problems. No ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS To equite knows why the prevailing tint of early spring flowers is either white or yellow. Yellow, indeed, holds its own to some extent all through her Sussex County mountains afford a It is a private school and I am told applies to the summer, but the typical color of summer is pink, while as the autumn adversariance. her Sussex County mountains afford a beauty not surpassed on earth. Hurrah for the dear little State!

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lowed diplomats. As the daughter of an American Consul for many years I sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost all sun, and with many other flowers. wish to assure him that a Consul doesn't they please. Yet the blue rose, the black tulip and the green carnation seem have to be a diplomat, and that the as far off as ever they were in spite of constant efforts to arrive at them. nited States Minister is charged with Nearly three centuries ago Dutch gardeners imagined themselves on the verge

The colors of the blossoms of fruit trees are limited to white, pink, bright The duties of a Consul in time of peace scarlet and purple. The reason no one knows. Nor is it clear why nearly all consist in signing his name to triplicate plants with purple blossoms have poisonous properties. The deadiy nightshade voices of merchandise shipped to the is an instance which will be familiar to all country readers.

### Appendicitis in Water.

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I have met a great many American Consultant the best equipment for the job is to know how to sign your name and to quit right there.

Mrs. J. D. S.

Appendicits in Water.

T is a terrible thing to say, but the editor of a Paris newspaper has the nervel to say it, and that is, that appendicits is shown by statistics to be far more quit right there.

Mrs. J. D. S.

Sult is said to be due to the weakening of the appendix by excessive mineralisations are the Peters Clobe. But the december tell up that none of the delivers tell up that none of the tion, says the Boston Globe. But the doctors tell us that none of us drinks enough water, and they keep talking about "flushing the system." "We of the old school," says the Paris editor, "drink our bottle of claret when dining, with campaign for more subways. Extend that fight and demand subways under four of the greatest avenues and six across town.

Extend the result that we are gay and well, free from appendicitis." But there are worse things than appendicitis, and some of them happen to folks that drink too much claret.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS. Through this disturbance I hid up with SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.
Lord Balshannon buys Holy Cross Ranch
in Arizona, living there with his wife and
his son Jim. He wins the gratitude of
Capt. McCalmont, leader of a notorious gang
of robbers, and for years supports McCalmont's son. Curly. "Chalkeye" Davies (who
tells the story) is Balshannon's ex-foreman.
George Ryan has a lifelong feud against
Balshannon, By dint of years of plotting
he makes Balshannon a drunkard and lures
him into gambling away all his fortune. aim into gambling away all his fortune. Balshannon's wife dies. Ryan gets him into sailon, and, at the head of a gang of outries, plans to assassinate him. With gyan is the leader's son, Michael, a New York has been all performed away to be provided in the sailon. in is the leader's son, Michael, a New k millionaire. Curly and Chalkeye, with 's aid, try in vain to rescue Balshannon. Gurf' the insues. Balshannon and Ryan killed, as are several others. Chalkeye o's out the lights. It is the man and the same siets Curly and Jim to escape, in inquest is held, and Michael Ryan orns witnesses to swear that Jim and 'ly murdered the elder Ryan accaimont gives Chalkeye 250,000 to hold trust for Curly, telling him to take Curly Jim away from Arisona.

There is the whole annais of a virtuous night, and yet these Grave City idiots defamed my character, which it makes me sick.

There's a habit which I caught from the old patrone at Holy Cross, the same being to have a cold bath. Our Arizona water is mostly too rich for bathing, being made of mud, alkali and snakes;

#### CHAPTER XXIV. A House of Refuge.

OOKING back upon the whole dis- dust cloud come rolling along out of the cussion between the du Chesnay city.

simid, cautious and fearfully good, and yet I got all the blame.

My movements all that night were innocent and unobtrustive travels. When Dog-gone Hawkins went off with his canderfoot posse to bunt ghosts I naturally slid out for home. So I met up with McCaimont, took charge of Cocky Brown's old buckboard and delivered Curly at the back door of my cousins, the Misses Jameson. These ladies had to hear a whole lot which was pretty near true about poor Curly, and that consumed some time.

Afterward they got scared all to fits true of homeman, dynamite expenses and many and the standard and the st

Broach to have his prickles pulled. Curly in a cellar, and when there was peace drove off alone, with my saddled horse tied behind the buckboard. After an hour's search I found the old Coeur d'Alene Mine shaft and tipped the buckboard in, turning the team horses loose to graze their way back to La

Mice a boy.

McCalmont rescues them while they are flying from the Sheriff's posse.

Jim fells in love with Curly. They ratreat, elosely followed by the posse.

McCalmont intrusts Curly to Chalkeye's care. The latter takes the sirl to some old mail relative of his.

McCalmont then kidnaps Michael Ryan and holds him for ransom. being made of mud, alkali and snakes; no supper last night, and pleased all to pieces to hear the breakfast howl. Now, in course of these details, while we sat smoking cigarettes around the door of the cabin, we saw a sort of

and Ryan families, I see myself "Which reminds me." says Ute, "that sitting around meek and patient, shy, the Grave City stranglers was propostimid, cautious and fearfully good, and ing yesterday to come and hold a so-



A Tale of the Arizona Desert & By Roger Pocock